

# CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETS

Date Set September Twenty-  
Third for Judicial  
Primaries

## SESSION AT ARTESIA

Judges and Clerks Should Stren-  
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READ PRIMARY RULES CAREFULLY

Minutes of meeting of the Eddy County Democratic Central Committee held in the I. O. F. Hall in the Town of Artesia, New Mexico, on Saturday, Sept. 16, 1911 at 2 o'clock P. M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman W. G. Cowan and the call of the chairman was read by the secretary.

This meeting of the committee was called by the chairman for the purpose of reconsidering the date for holding the Judicial Primary election in Eddy County for the nomination of candidates for judicial offices; and for such other business as might properly come before the committee.

The following members and proxies answered to roll call: W. G. Cowan, Chairman and J. B. Harvey, Secretary.

Precinct No. 1. J. R. Linn by proxy W. G. Brown, T. C. Horne by proxy R. M. Thorne, W. R. Owen by proxy F. M. Richards.

Precinct No. 2. Scott Etter.  
Precinct No. 3. W. L. Whitaker  
Precinct No. 4. J. M. Wood by proxy J. D. Walker.

Precinct No. 6. J. J. Clark, M. P. Skeen by proxy Albert Blake, W. M. Daugherty by proxy J. L. Tullis, Wm. Crandall by proxy G. U. McCrary.

Precinct No. 7. M. B. Culpepper by proxy J. R. Yates.  
Precinct No. 8. E. S. Shattuck by proxy G. A. Beckett.

Precinct No. 9. J. L. Toole by proxy A. C. Heard.  
Precinct No. 10. Oscar Thompson by proxy J. D. Walker.

Precinct No. 11. T. J. Fletcher by proxy R. E. Dick.  
Precinct No. 12. C. Land by proxy D. G. Grantham.

Precinct No. 14. R. E. Dick.  
Absent: Precinct No. 5, W. H. Phillips and Precinct No. 13 W. T. Matkins.

The chairman appointed the following members as a committee on credentials: Scott Etter, W. L. Whitaker and Dr. J. J. Clark.

While the committee on credentials was making up its report the meeting was favored by able addresses from Judge Reese and Judge McClure, the two candidates for District Judge.

The committee on credentials reported favorably on all members and proxies present and recommended that they be seated in the convention.

The above report was accepted, members and proxies seated and the committee discharged.

A motion was offered by F. M. Richards and seconded by R. M. Thorne that the new Eddy County Democratic Central Committee be elected on Oct. 14, 1911, the date for holding the primary election for the nomination of legislative and county officers, to serve for a term of two years. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

The following resolution offered by J. L. Tullis and seconded by Scott Etter was carried by a unanimous vote.

"Be it resolved that, since the meeting of the Democratic executive committee (termed the County Central Committee) held on the 30th day of Aug., 1911, at the Court House in Carlsbad, New Mexico, the said committee through its chairman and secretary has been notified that the District Judicial Committee has designated the 23rd of Sept. for holding a primary in Eddy coun-

ty for the selection of candidates for District Judge, and District Attorney, and

"Be it further resolved, that this committee being desirous of working in harmony with the district and state committees, does now rescind its action of Aug. 30, 1911, and contained in an amended motion reading as follows:

"That this committee name Oct. 14, 1911, as the date for holding the Eddy County Democratic Primary election to nominate candidates for the various county, legislative and judicial offices.

"And be it further resolved, that this committee now designate the 23rd of Sept., 1911, being the same date chosen by the Judicial Committee, as the date for holding a democratic primary election to nominate a district judge and a district attorney provided the expense of same is borne by the respective candidates for those offices.

"And be it further resolved, that this committee now designate Oct. 14, 1911, as the date for holding a democratic primary election for the purpose of nominating all legislative and county officers."

Moved by F. M. Richards and seconded by R. M. Thorne that the chairman be and is hereby authorized to call a county convention to be held on Sept. 28, 1911, at the hour of 11 o'clock a. m., in the City of Carlsbad for the purpose of electing ten delegates to the state convention to be held at Santa Fe, on Oct. 3, 1911, and for the transacting of any other business that may come properly before said convention and it is hereby stipulated that said convention shall consist of and be made up of one delegate for every 50 votes cast for Larriola at the last general election held in 1908, and one delegate for every fraction of 50 votes when the same is 25 or more provided that the precincts casting less than 50 votes, and precincts created since the election of 1908, shall have and be entitled to one delegate. Also, that the ten delegates to be chosen to the State Convention shall be apportioned among the various precincts in Eddy county according to the democratic vote cast in each precinct.

These delegates shall be elected by the voters of the various precincts on the same day and at the same time of the election of the district judge and district attorney and the chairman of this committee is hereby authorized to have printed on the judicial primary ticket the words: "For Delegate to County Convention" and he shall have printed on said ticket the number of delegates to be voted for in each precinct and no vote shall be counted for delegates where the voter inserts more names than the precinct is entitled to. A certificate shall be issued by the judges of election to the person or persons receiving the highest number of votes for the number of delegates allowed each precinct.

The above motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

The rules and regulations governing the primary elections in Eddy County for both September 23, 1911, and October 14, 1911, as hereto attached were passed by a unanimous vote, after which the meeting adjourned.

W. G. COWAN, Chairman  
Attest:  
J. B. HARVEY, Secretary of Eddy County Democratic Central Committee.

Moved by Scott Etter, seconded by G. U. McCrary that the following rules and regulations for the holding of Democratic Primaries in the County of Eddy and State of New Mexico be adopted by the Executive Committee now in session to govern and control such primaries, and that the chairman of the Executive Committee be instructed to transmit a copy of such rules and regulations to each judge appointed to hold said primaries in

each precinct prior to the date for holding same.

1st. In any precinct, if twenty per cent of the voters shall apply to the chairman of said precinct for a change in the voting place, the said chairman of the precinct shall have the right to designate a voting place and appoint judges for the same where no judges have been appointed by the committee. Such action, however, being subject to the approval of the committee.

2nd. In the event the parties above named to hold the election in the respective precincts are not present at the hour of the named for the holding of said election, then if either of the said parties are present then at hour of opening the polls at the said voting precincts, the voters present shall select from qualified electors other judges who shall hold the election at the voting precinct; and three judges named in each of the above voting precincts shall on the day of the election name two parties to act as clerks.

3rd. Each judge of election shall be duly sworn upon his oath before some person, where possible, duly authorized to administer oaths for the Territory of New Mexico, (if not, the judges may swear in each other) that he shall support the constitution of the United States, and the Territory of New Mexico, and that he shall fairly and impartially conduct the election of which he has been appointed as judge without prejudice or favor to any person or candidate according to the rules and regulations prescribed by the Executive Committee of the Democratic party of Eddy County, New Mexico.

4th. No one shall be allowed to vote unless he shall be a legal voter in the precinct in which he offers to vote on the day of the next general election. The qualification of the legal voter being that he must be a citizen of the United States, either by birth or declaration, and over the age of 21 years; must have resided in the territory of New Mexico six months in the county of Eddy three months and in the precinct in which he offers to vote twenty days next preceding the general election to be held in November 1911. In regard to doubtful voters the rule shall be that they must be either on a previous registration list in Eddy county or present their naturalization papers to the judges or must present to the judges of the election a written oath that they are citizens of the United States and must be a democrat.

5th. Each qualified elector in order to entitle him to vote in the primary election, must be a democrat. Any man who has not heretofore been a democrat may be such a democrat as named above if he has in fact severed all party connection with all other political parties and does in good faith expect to associate and affiliate permanently with the democratic party; and each voter must pledge himself on his honor to support the democratic ticket as nominated.

6th. The judges of the election shall have control of the vote and pass upon the right of all applicants to vote. Everyone offering to vote shall be subject to challenge by any qualified elector. If any one whose vote is challenged shall be rejected, his vote shall be placed in an envelope, sealed and the applicant or some one at his request shall write his name across the envelope and the envelope shall be marked rejected for the reason that the applicant (here state the facts causing such rejection on such envelope) and all votes so rejected by them and sealed up shall be sent with other papers to the chairman of the democratic executive committee, and shall be considered or disposed of at the time the proper parties meet to canvass the returns and declare the results, and then they shall ascertain from the returns as hereinafter provided for, that number of votes cast for the respective candidates and all the challenged votes the parties then count and admit shall be placed with the regular votes from that precinct, and those that are rejected by the body shall at once be destroyed in the presence of the public.

7th. No one shall be allowed to vote outside of his own precinct except when he shows to the satisfaction of the judges that it is impossible and impracticable for him to be in his own precinct and he must show good and satisfactory reasons for not being there and that he has not voted in any other precinct at this election.

8th. At any time within five days previous to the time above specified for the holding of the primary election each candidate for office shall submit in writing to the chairman of the democratic executive committee, which shall be kept on file by him his declaration which shall in substance be that he submits his name to the decision of the democratic primaries, and will abide by the result, and support all the nominees made thereat. In case one shall fail to comply with these requirements though he receive sufficient votes to become the nominee, he shall

not be declared the nominee of the party, and his place shall be filled by the democratic executive committee, it always observing the next highest vote.

9th. The ballots used in the primary election shall be printed on plain white paper, about three inches wide and about eight inches long, and the names of all the candidates who have submitted their names in writing to the chairman of the executive committee as is provided for above, shall be placed on each and every ballot and the chairman of the executive committee is hereby authorized, and it shall be his duty to have delivered at the time of the opening of the polls to the proper officers of holding the election there, all necessary tickets as above mentioned. Each voter at the time and place of voting shall procure from the judges of the election a ticket as mentioned above, and must then and there in the presence of the officers of the election, yet in private, make out and privately vote it, and no vote shall be received unless the party offering to vote it shall at the time and place of voting get the ballot from the officer, making it out and voting it as above provided, even if the voter does not care who sees his ballot.

The officers in charge of the ballot shall see that each voter does not take the ticket away from the voting place, and that no one know how the voter voted; provided the voter cannot make out his own ticket, he shall then request some judge or clerk to make it out in private at the time and place of voting. And in such way that its secrecy cannot be known to any one except the voter and the identical party making it out for him. No voter can have his ticket made out for him unless he cannot make it out for himself. The judges in charge shall make such reasonable rules as are necessary and proper to see that the true spirit of this section is carried out to the letter and no ballot shall even be received until the voter complies with the above requirements as to receiving his ticket, making it out and voting the same. Colored tickets may be used for electioneering purposes, only, and no papers shall be allowed on the official tickets.

10th. Each candidate shall have the right to select one man who shall have the right to be present with the judges and clerks of the election to see that his interests are properly treated.

11th. During the count of the ballot it shall be the duty of the clerks of the election to see that all the names on the ballot are called correctly and to see that the secrecy of the ballot is preserved.

12th. The candidate receiving a plurality of the votes cast shall be declared as hereafter provided, to be the candidate of the democratic party of the office for which he is nominated.

13th. The judges of the election in each precinct shall keep in writing two separate lists of the names of the voters voting, also two tally sheets showing the number of votes cast for each candidate and for what office. These shall be made out on the day of the election. One list of the voters, and one tally sheet shall be retained by the judges holding the election, and the other tally sheet and ballots shall be within five days after the election in the voting precinct, transmitted by mail, duly registered, to the chairman at Carlsbad, New Mexico, by one of the judges holding the election. These two lists of voters voting and the two separate tally sheets shall be signed by the judges holding the election at the voting place and also by the clerks and they shall certify in their respective official capacities that the same are true and correct. In any case they are returned in person as above provided, and the officer returning them should deliver them sealed up, must certify that the package is in the same condition that it was when sealed on the day of the election by the judges of the election, and that the same has not been out of his possession.

14th. Within five days after the holding of the election the executive

committee, a quorum of which shall be six members, shall meet in the town of Carlsbad, with the chairman of the democratic executive committee at a day and hour to be named by the chairman, and they shall count all the votes cast at the different precincts, with the counts and declare the person receiving the highest number of votes for the different offices to be the nominee of the party for that office.

In case any candidate shall contest the election, he shall give notice of such contest to all other candidates for that office before the day for counting the ballots as above provided, and the parties above authorized to meet, count canvass and declare the nominee shall pass on the contest and declare the nominee.

15th. The polls for the primary election to be held on September 23, 1911, and for the primary election to be held on October 14, 1911, shall be opened by the judges of the election to be held on October 14th, 1911, shall be opened by the judges of the election at 9 o'clock A. M. and closed at 6 o'clock P. M.

### Personal Sketch of K. K. Scott.

K. K. Scott was born in 1875 at Knoxville, Tennessee. He received his education at the University of Tennessee.

He was admitted to the bar to practice in the courts of Tennessee at Knoxville in 1896.

In 1897 he was appointed as a deputy clerk in the supreme court of Tennessee.

He came west into Arizona in 1899, and later located at Gallup, New Mexico. He was admitted to the bar of New Mexico in 1899, and practiced in New Mexico and Arizona until he came to Roswell. He was active in politics there and was one of the leading Democrats in that Republican section.

Mr. Scott located with his family in Roswell in 1904.

He served as city attorney of Roswell under both the Hinkle and Stockard administrations, and a short time under the Richardson administration, covering a period of about five years and in that office made good.

In 1907 he was elected secretary of New Mexico Bar Association.

He served as United States Commissioner on the Plains in east Chaves county under appointment of Judge Wm. H. Pope in 1909, where he is well and favorably known.

Mr. Scott is a member of the Roswell camp of Sons of Confederate Veterans, and has been a Democrat from infancy up.

He has never before been a candidate for any office, or asked for any office at the hands of his party. He is not a candidate of any man, or set of men, element or faction, but submits himself to the will of the Democratic voters at the primary election to be held on the same day in each county in the district and, if elected, can be depended upon to enforce the laws as they are written without fear or favor.

Mr. Scott is well known throughout the district, and will no doubt prove a formidable candidate.

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